

# SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES

## Ride On Mower

**DO NOT** use this machine unless a teacher has instructed you in its safe use and operation and has given permission.



### PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Ensure all safety devices, guards, switches, and shields are fitted, secure and functional.
2. Ensure that seat belt, if fitted, is in sound condition.
3. Ensure cutting blades are secure and in good condition.
4. Ensure that any pneumatic and hydraulic mechanisms are in sound condition.
5. Ensure that all electrical switches (including dead mans switch if fitted) are functioning.
6. Faulty equipment must not be used. Report suspect machinery immediately.

### OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

1. Never carry passengers.
2. Be sure the transmission is out of gear and the mower blade clutch disengaged before starting.
3. Keep clear of moving machine parts.
4. Drive at speed slow enough to keep control over unexpected hazards.
5. Travel up/down slopes rather than across taking extra care when ascending/descending steep slopes. Use 15° as the maximum to attempt to mow.
6. Take extreme caution when refuelling to prevent spilling fuel onto hot engine or exhaust.
7. Before making adjustments bring the machine to a complete standstill and isolate.
8. Be aware of the potential for ejected material and ensure that no person or animal is endangered when operating the equipment.

### STOPPING THE RIDE ON MOWER

1. Park on even ground.
2. Stop the ride on mower and shift the gear selector to park position.
3. Raise and secure the cutting blades.
4. Lock the parking brake.
5. Stop the engine and remove the keys.

### HOUSEKEEPING

1. Clean away any foreign material and debris from in and around engine and catcher parts.
2. Keep the work area or implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS

- Rapidly rotating cutting blades
- Noise
- Eye injuries
- Ejected material and flying debris

This SOP does not necessarily cover all possible hazards associated with the machine and should be used in conjunction with other references. It is designed to be used as an adjunct to teaching Safety Procedures and to act as a reminder to users prior to machine use.

| Date of review

| Signature